



Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology  
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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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**RE: Program #0385**

**Previous Accreditation Status: Probation**

**Most Recent Site Visit: 09/15**

Dear Dr. Bambara:

After review of the requested additional progress report, the continuing accreditation status of the associate degree radiography program sponsored by Allegany College of Maryland was considered at the October 20, 2017 meeting of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). The JRCERT is the only agency recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) for the accreditation of traditional and distance delivery educational programs in radiography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, and medical dosimetry. Specialized accreditation awarded by the JRCERT offers institutions significant value by providing peer evaluation and by assuring the public of quality professional education in the radiologic sciences. The program was evaluated according to the **Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography (2014)**. The JRCERT took the following action:

#### **MAINTENANCE OF PROBATION.**

The Committee based this decision on ongoing concerns with the program's non-compliance with **Standard Five:**

**Objective 5.2** - Lack of assurance that the program documents the following program effectiveness data:  
Five-year average credentialing examination pass rate of not less than 75 percent at first attempt within six months of graduation.

As identified in JRCERT correspondence of November 4, 2015, April 14, 2016, and November 1, 2016, the program continues to be in noncompliance with **Standard Five - Objective 5.2**. The current five-year (2013-2017) average credentialing examination pass rate at first attempt within six months of graduation is 64% (37/58). The program must be in compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **April 8, 2018**.

Based on the Board's continued concerns with the program's ability to document compliance with the **STANDARDS** and the program's ongoing Probationary status, the Board requests the following progress report:

- Listing of all students currently enrolled in the program, including those admitted since the program was initially placed on **Probation** on October 21, 2016;
- Anticipated graduation date(s) for the above students;
- Status and results of previously implemented action plan(s) to address the credentialing examination pass rate;
- Action plan to aid students in the event that accreditation is withdrawn for failure to document full compliance with the **STANDARDS**.

This progress report must be submitted no later than **November 28, 2017** via the JRCERT Accreditation Management Systems (AMS) and will be considered by the Board of Directors at the next available meeting after submission. If the Committee finds this progress report acceptable, accreditation will be maintained and an additional progress report documenting compliance with **Objective 5.2** will be required. If the Committee finds the progress report unacceptable, the Committee will take the following action:

#### **INVOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL OF ACCREDITATION.**

Probationary Accreditation is an accreditation category and, consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.100, this action is not subject to appeal. Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.700 (enclosed), the program must notify currently enrolled and accepted students, as well as the public via a Web site posting, of this status within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Notice to students must clearly explain that should the program fail to document compliance with the **STANDARDS**, it will result in the **involuntary withdrawal of accreditation**. The program is required to submit a representative sample of such notification and list of recipients to the JRCERT no later than **December 4, 2017**.

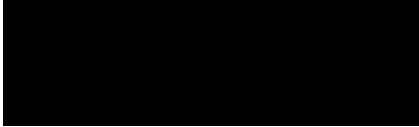
As required by the United States Department of Education and consistent with the **maximum** compliance timeframes set forth in JRCERT Policy 11.400, when the JRCERT Board of Directors determines that a program has failed to document compliance with the **STANDARDS** and has not satisfactorily addressed the identified deficiencies, the existing accreditation status will be withdrawn. Such involuntary withdrawal of accreditation is considered an adverse accreditation action. The JRCERT defines an adverse action as involuntary withdrawal of accreditation. Involuntary withdrawal of accreditation will generally, but not necessarily, occur after a Probationary Accreditation status has been awarded. Probationary status, as well as an adverse accreditation action, requires written notification of the United States Secretary of Education, the appropriate State licensing or authorizing agency, appropriate regional and/or other accrediting agencies and the public.

The program is advised that consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.600, the JRCERT reserves the right to conduct unannounced site visits of accredited programs. The sponsoring institution would be responsible for the expenses of any on-site inspection. Also, consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, programs with a probationary accreditation standing cannot request a substantive change.

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The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology Directors and staff encourage you and the program faculty to continue your efforts in developing a quality educational program. If we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact the office.

Sincerely,



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